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## **ATF DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR FIREARM AND DRUG VIOLATIONS**

DALLAS- Ronnie Carter, Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas Field Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), announced today that Demario Terrel Harris has been sentenced to life imprisonment for violating federal firearms and narcotic laws in Oklahoma.

U.S. District Court Judge James Payne sentenced Harris in Tulsa, Okla., Nov. 28 for possessing more than 50 grams of crack cocaine and intending to distribute it. A jury convicted Harris last April 23 on one count of possession of cocaine base with intent to distribute and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The life sentence was mandatory due to Harris' previous narcotics convictions and the current federal charge of possession of more than 50 grams of crack cocaine.

Harris also received an additional 10-year sentence on the possession of a firearm by a convicted felon charge. Federal law prohibits convicted felons from possessing firearms or ammunition.

The investigation originated from a Dec. 9, 2003, Tulsa Police Department search warrant in the 1500 block of 52<sup>nd</sup> Street North. As Tulsa police officers entered the residence, Harris was observed running into the master bedroom carrying a large plastic bag. Officers later recovered the bag underneath the bed and found it to contain more than 60 grams of crack cocaine. A loaded .38 caliber revolver was also recovered underneath the bed.

Carter said that the conviction and sentencing were evidence of the continuing cooperation between ATF and local law enforcement in the effort to prosecute and incarcerate violent offenders.

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